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Applicant: BURNE ET AL. Examiner: K. PADMANABHAN  
Serial No.: 09/582,524 Group Art Unit: 1641  
Filed: JUNE 27, 2000 Docket No.: 7500.392USWO  
Title: ASSAYS FOR AUTOANTIBODIES

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Box RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination.

Our check in the amount of \$370.00 is enclosed to cover the required fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant:	BURNE ET AL.	Examiner:	K. Padmanabhan
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Name: John Junkers

AMENDMENT

Box RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 22, 2002, and the Advisory Action mailed August 8, 2002 please amend the above-identified application as indicated herein.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 82-150 and add new claims 151-210 as follows:

151. (New) A method of screening a sample of body fluid for at least one autoantibody to at least one antigen, which method comprises:
- (a) providing at least one antibody immobilized to a substrate;
  - (b) providing a source of said at least one antigen, wherein said antigen has a binding site to which either said immobilized antibody or said autoantibody being screened for binds;

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